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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (LARGE)

Docket No.

Applicant(s): Pennington, et al.

61404-1090

Serial No.
09/746,156Filing Date
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Anthony G. QuashConfirmation No.
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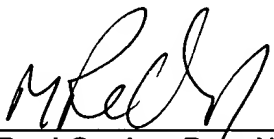
Transmitted herewith is Response in the above-identified application.

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 30 - | 30 = | 0 | X \$18.00 | \$0 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 3 - | 3 = | 0 | X \$86.00 | \$0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | \$290.00 |
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| Other Fees: | | | | | \$ |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$0.00 |

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- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of the above fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.


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In Re Application of:

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The following is a list of documents enclosed:

Return Postcard
Second Response with Amendments
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SECOND RESPONSE WITH AMENDMENTS

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Sir:

The outstanding final Office Action mailed *November 3, 2003* (Paper No. 6) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1-2, 5, 7, 10, 17, and 21 are amended; claims 13-16 and are canceled; and claim 24 is added. Claims 1-12, 17, and 19-24 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.